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BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY
for the
Year Ending June 30, 1965

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Civil Service and Registration
Board of Registration in Pharmacy
Room 36, State House, Boston 33

June 30, 1965

Mrs. Helen C. Sullivan
Director of Registration
State Office Building
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

In compliance with the statute, we herewith submit the Annual Report of the Board of Registration in Pharmacy for the fiscal year 1965.

It is significant to note that as in the previous two years, there is a slight drop in the number of drug stores for the past fiscal year. Also the number of Wholesale Drug Licenses has decreased slightly over previous years. The pharmacies affected were for the most part small neighborhood stores or so-called "one man stores" which could not stand the competition of modern trends, some were automatically liquidated, some were displaced due to urban renewal, highway programs, others were victims of foreclosures and bankruptcies, etc.

However, the existing pharmacies are approaching continuously a more professional look, have facilities for greater service to the community, and are in good financial condition. The pharmacists' wages and profits are becoming more lucrative, commensurate with the longer years of study and higher standards set both by the educators and law enforcement agencies in respect to the practice of the profession.

The problem of drug abuse has required that the Board take a more active participation in educating the pharmaceutical industry as to the hazards created by illicit distribution of drugs. The pharmacists have been informed of the exempt narcotic abuse, particularly by teen agers, via professional publications, the press, talks by Board members before pharmaceutical organizations, and through continued warnings by the agents of the Board during routine inspections of the drug stores.

Pharmacy violators in drug distributions represent less than 1% of the total pharmacies. However, the Board is aware that compliance must be 100%, if possible, in order to fully

discharge its responsibility in protecting the public health.

Preliminary meetings have been held to prepare new rules and regulations to meet the needs of the times. Also, several changes in present regulations are contemplated by deletion and clarification. Pharmacists were also made aware of changes in the drug laws which affect the function of the prescription department. For example, the change in the harmful drug law and narcotic drug law in which chiropodists are given the right to prescribe Rx drugs as long as it is within the province of the practice of their profession. Another area in which the Board has actively engaged, along with other agencies, was in the explanation and preparation of pharmacists for the new Federal Drug Abuse Control Amendments of 1965 which becomes effective on February 1, of 1966. The obligations of the pharmacists and the nature of compliance has been reviewed and the knowledge disseminated within the industry.

Once the Drug Abuse Control legislation becomes effective the Federal government agency will obviously need and solicit the cooperation of state and local enforcement officials. This is true because approximately 4,000 establishments will be required to register nationally, representing manufacturers and wholesalers, etc. But in addition, there will be approximately 65,000 receivers such as pharmacies, hospitals and clinics, and 330,000 handlers, such as practitioners and researchers.

Intra-state problems will be much better controlled and assigned to the states involved in such a program. The Board must look ahead to meet these responsibilities. Already talks on the national level point to an important role for pharmacy boards in regard to this program of law enforcement.

Reminders have been released via communiques from our office to druggists pertaining to the most common violations under the Rules of the Code of Professional Conduct.

Our statistical report follows.

Very truly yours,

<u>Louis J. Rossetti</u>	PRESIDENT
<u>Remond De Niche</u>	SECRETARY
<u>Joseph C. Garant</u>	MEMBER
<u>John T. Lagowski</u>	MEMBER
<u>Richard A. Conlin</u>	MEMBER

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal Year 1965

INCOME

Drug Store Permits.....	\$4,740.00
Certificates of Fitness.....	4,145.00
Wholesale Druggist Licenses.....	3,150.00
Biennial Renewal of Personal Certificates of Registration..	32,135.00
Examination Fees.....	1,140.00
Reinstatement Fees.....	1,241.00
Reciprocity Fees.....	100.00
Duplicate Certificates.....	145.00
Certified Statements.....	55.00
Total Net Receipts.....	\$46,851.00

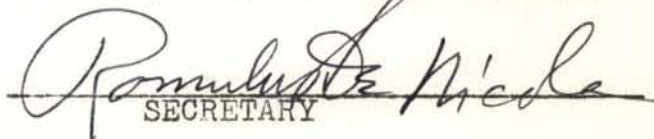
EXPENSES

Agents' Services.....	\$29,931.25
Accounts Payable, Agents' Services.....	3,125.00
Members' Services.....	6,450.00
Repairs.....	728.58
Repairs, Accounts Payable.....	142.23
Travel, Agents and Members.....	3,888.30
Travel, Accounts Payable.....	1,111.70
Office Expenses from Appn. of Director of Registration...	2,445.82
Office Expenses, Accounts Payable.....	1,499.66
Stenographers' Salaries.....	11,585.60
Total Expenses.....	\$60,908.14

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Equipment- Account 8364-58-00

\$189.52 (Revert 6-30-65)


SECRETARY

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965

No. of Meetings for hearings and assembling of markings.....	16
No. of Meetings for examinations held by the Board.....	<u>2</u>
Total Number of Meetings.....	18

HEARINGS

On Certificate of Fitness Applications	34
On New Drug Store Applications.....	34
On Conducting a Drug Store Without a Permit.....	1
On Duplicate Certificate Applications.....	27
On Reciprocity Applications.....	5
On Reinstatement Applications as Registered Pharmacists.....	3
On Wholesalers Applications.....	1
On Illegal Sale of Narcotic Drug	1
On Request for Reinstatement as Reg. Pharm. after Revocation..	1
On Illegal Sales of Harmful Drugs.....	14
On Substitution.....	1
On Violation of Alcoholic Beverage Law.....	4
On Violations Against the Code of Professional Conduct.....	9
On Violation of Exempt Narcotic Law.....	<u>8</u>
Total Number of Hearings.....	143

RESULTS OF HEARINGS

Cases placed on probation.....	19
Certificates of Fitness Refused.....	1
Certificates of Fitness Revoked.....	2
Certificates of Fitness Suspended.....	8
Personal Certificates of Registration Suspended	12
Stores Closed for Illegal Sales of Harmful Drugs & Violation of Narcotic Laws.....	14
Drug Store Permits granted to open new stores.....	31
Drug Store Permits Denied.....	3
Drug Store Permits Given Leave to Withdraw.....	1
Duplicate Certificates Granted.....	27
Reinstatements of Personal Certificates of Registration.....	3
Reciprocity Applications Granted.....	5
Reinstatement as Registered Pharmacist After Revocation.....	1
Wholesale Drug Licenses granted.....	1

GENERAL INFORMATION

Number of Drug Stores.....	1899
Number of Drug Stores Holding Certificates of Fitness.....	1564
Number of New Drug Stores Opened.....	21
Number of Removals of Drug Stores.....	19
Number of Drug Stores Closed.....	61
Number of Active Registered Pharmacists.....	6543
Number of Active Assistant Registered Pharmacists.....	101
Number of Reinstatements of Reg. & Asst. Reg. Pharmacists.....	106
Number of Wholesale Druggists' Licenses Issued.....	63

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EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS PHARMACISTS

	<u>Examined</u>	<u>Registered</u>
November 17, 1964	1	1
June 21, 1965	113	108

REGISTERED BY MASSACHUSETTS THROUGH INTERSTATE RECIPROCITY

Connecticut.....	2
Maryland.....	1
Rhode Island.....	2
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TOTAL.....	5